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REBUILDING THEIR LIVES

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Kevin Shaevitz walks through the remains of his Anaheim Hills home, which was ravaged by the Canyon fire 2 last month. A couple who lost their home in a 2008 fire can sympathize with the Shaevitzes, saying they are facing "two years of just absolute misery."

TAKE IT FROM THEM

Canyon fire homeowners can learn from Freeway Complex crowd

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A woman in exercise clothes chatted on her cellphone as she walked her dog. A man puttered around his front yard, tidying up. A backhoe tore into a pile of rubble, shattering the morning quiet.

Kevin and Janet Shaevitz watched it all.

Their Anaheim Hills home burned down last month in the Canyon fire 2, one of 15 homes in the area that were destroyed.

And on a recent Saturday, as workers removed charred timbers and shattered tile from damaged lots, Janet Shaevitz perked up as she clambered over some debris to retrieve items she recognized — Christmas ornaments made by her kids.

She held up a green paper stocking and saw her son's face smiling from the top.

The Shaevitzes and several of their neighbors

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David and Cheri Ramocinski of Yorba Linda wear the same clothes they had on when they had to evacuate their home the day it was destroyed by the Freeway Complex fire in 2008. The Ramocinskis help other families who are going through the fire recovery process.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

What lies beneath the waves?

Idea that anything was a good reef sent toilets, tires, more overboard

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The goal was to create a safe haven for sea life off the coast of Malibu so, a few decades ago, people chucked a few hundred toilets into the ocean and called them a reef.

In Newport Beach, not far from a harbor filled with million-dollar yachts, the same goal prompted people to build an artificial reef, using thousands of plastic pipes and 1,500 old tires.

Legend says trolleys dumped off the coast of Huntington Beach help waves break exquisitely when the right swell hits, an artificial-reef-turned-surf-spot dubbed "Box Cars." Light poles stuck underwater are said to be a popular place anglers catch fish; oil platforms off Huntington and

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An underwater photo shows the ocean life using the Wheeler North reef off San Clemente, a reef expected to be expanded as a way to mitigate effects by the San Onofre nuclear site.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP

Bible, yes, now a gun? Shootings rattle sense of security

Leaders, congregants must weigh safety concerns vs. maintaining openness

By Deepa Bharath
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Pastor Mark Whitlock heard the news when he was in his office, surrounded by a security team, as he prepared to deliver his Sunday service.

There was another mass shooting, he heard. And it happened at a church — again.

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"We began to weep," said Whitlock, pastor of Christ Our Redeemer African Methodist Episcopal Church in Irvine. "It shook

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Officials search for source of Legionnaires'

Legionnaires' cases in Anaheim are being investigated by the OC Health Care Agency. Some patients visited or worked at Disneyland, but officials say there's no ongoing risk there. NEWS 9

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